

# The Nile River

The Nile River is located mostly in Egypt. The Nile River was a huge part of the Survival of the Ancient Egyptians. The Nile gave the people of Ancient Egypt what they needed to live and that was water. If there was no Nile That whole time period would be a huge disaster. A lot of people think that the Nile is so great that one time a archeologist came to Egypt and gave egypt the nickname "the Gift of the Nile".

The Nile River is the longest river at 4184 miles long. Another river that is close in size is the Amazon River. The Nile flows south to north and through nine countries. Although the Nile is so many miles long know one travels the whole nile because of very big waves and rapids. There are two different feeding rivers to the Nile, the White Nile and the Blue Nile. The river delta has very good silt which is very good for crops, and it is about 100 miles long. Even though the Nile is the longest river in the world it does not have a ton of water in it. A lot of trees grow along the Nile including palm trees and a lot of fruit trees. Many people lived very close to the Nile but that decision had its ups and downs because you do get all the benefits of the Nile but if there was a big flood it could destroy their house. The Nile had small overflows a lot . Akhet was the flooding season. Sometimes the egyptians liked it when it over flowed because the water was very good for the crops. The Egyptians knew it was the New Year when the Nile had a huge over flow. The Nile was very easy to travel on if you didn't go too far down stream. The Nile was like a highway to the Egyptians.

The Nile River provided fishing and hunting opportunities. The Egyptians used papyrus and straw to make fishing boats to go on the Nile. The Egyptians used rope to hold the papyrus and straw to make a boat. The great water of the Nile helped animals to live, but not for long because the Egyptians would go on their boat and use spears, boomerangs, bows and quiver and stones to hunt animals in the Nile. One of the most popular animal to hunt was the Nile crocodile but by law you were only allowed to catch a crocodile every 3 months. The Nile crocodile was very hard to catch because it was very big and dangerous. Another popular animal to hunt was the hippopotamus. There were a lot of hippos but they were probably the hardest animal to catch because they were basically death machines. If you even made one wrong move you could end up dead. The

easiest thing to catch were fish. The Egyptians made nets out of straw and flax. The Nile River was a great source for hunting and fishing for the Egyptians.

The Nile was very important for farming. If the Nile didn't flood Egypt could end up in starvation because there was not a lot of rain and if the Nile flooded that would water the plants. The Nile has great water for soil because of all the minerals in it. Ancient Egyptians grew a lot of plants and trees near the river. They would grow very fast because water would constantly flow on to the plants and trees. Sometimes farmers would dig a huge path from the Nile to their farm. Farmers did that so farmers could expand floods so it would flow on to their crops. When the water from the Nile flooded that would be a great thing, it would help fertilize the field. When the Nile flowed onto sand it would make mud. Farmers would come down to the mud and plant a lot of seeds in the mud so it would be easier for the farmers because otherwise they would have to dig and put seeds in. One of the most important things for farmers was that the Nile gave silt which boosted the speed of the crop growth. Farming was made easy when the Ancient Egyptians learned how to use the Nile.

The Nile was and still is a huge part of Egypt. The Nile was a great boost for people in ancient Egypt because it was very hard to live back then, but the Nile gave the Egyptians great water for crops and crops is what the Egyptians needed to live. The Nile river was great for people of all ages because kids could play in it and it is great for a farmer's land. Now hopefully you can see that the Nile really is the "Gift of the Nile".